SUBJECT No. 408.

Water-supply to Mudgere.

Mr. Kalasegowda, Mudgere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A sum of Rs. 15,000 has been sanctioned to lay out pipes for water-supply in the town of Mudgere. The work has not yet begun. As the scarcity of water is greatly felt by the people, this work may be ordered to be taken up early.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SHIMOGA DISTRICT.

(Nos. 409 TO 423.)

SUBJECT No. 409.

Improvement and drainage of the Shimoga town.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The officers who are posted as Deputy Commissioner of this district and Vice-President of the Shimoga Municipality are generally not kept here sufficiently long to ascertain the wants of the townspeople and to take measures for the improvement of the town. If these officers are retained here for at least four or five years, as used to be done some years ago, some real improvement in the condition of the town may be expected.

(2) The Shimoga Municipality is now in a deplorable condition. In various parts of the town, there is an accumulation of filth, lantana and rank vegetation. For the improvement of the town, it is prayed that a full-time Vice-President or Health Officer may be appointed just as in the cities of Bangalore and Mysore to devote his entire attention for the improvement of the town.

(3) A large amount of money has been spent by Government for laying out extensions to this town. But not one house has yet been constructed in the extensions. It is prayed that the extensions may be limited only to the extent that people desire to build houses on, and that after defraying the expenses required for this purpose, the balance out of the sanctioned allotment may be utilised for the improvement of the old town.

(4) The public are thankful to the Government for the town extension at the cost of Government, and water-supply, half the cost of which is borne by Government, but the insanitary condition will not however be removed until a system of drainage is introduced. During the rainy season water stagnates in pits and drains and renders the locality very unhealthy. It is necessary that at the outset some provision should be made at least for draining away the rainwater every year.

Reply of Government.—Noted.